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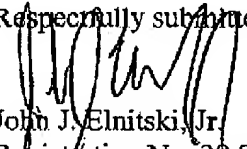
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REMARKS

The Examiner has rejected claims 8, 11, 13, 31-32, 34, 36, 41-42, and 44 under 35 USC §103(a) for the reasons cited in the office action using the Sydor patent as a reference. Attached is a DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.131 with evidence showing that the invention as claimed in claims 8, 31 and 41 was conceived prior to the filing of the Sydor patent. Therefore, Sydor reference is removed and rejections involving the Sydor reference are no longer valid. Claims 2-29, 31-36 and 40-44 have been amended to account for the removal of Sydor and are believed to be patentable.

In view of the aforementioned remarks and amendments, it is believed that claims 2-29, 31-36, and 40-44 are in condition for allowance and allowance of these claims is respectfully requested.

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